

Commander Alex Avila



Commander Alex Avila began his career as a police officer with the Long Beach Police Department in 1990. His assignments have included working as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Robbery Detective, Investigation Bureau Administration Sergeant, Family Services Lieutenant, and Port Police Division Commander. Commander Avila has the distinction of being the only person to be assigned to the Department's Gang Enforcement Section as a Detective, Sergeant, and Lieutenant.

Commander Avila is currently assigned to the Training Division where he oversees the all training provided to members of the Police Department. This includes the 27-week Basic Academy for the training of Police Recruits as well as the ongoing professional training of police officers throughout their career.

Commander Avila holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Administration of Justice from Long Beach City College, and a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Studies and a Master of Science in Emergency Services Administration from California State University, Long Beach. He is a graduate of University of Southern California Delinquency Control Institute, the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute, and the F.B.I. National Academy.

Commander Avila is a member and past president of the Long Beach Command Officers Association, and a member of the California Gang Investigators Association, Narcotic Officers Association, and the F.B.I. National Associates. He is the liaison to the Chief's Latino Advisory Group.